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1. A conference, presided over by Minister Gerhard Ziller, and attended by Deputy Minister Alfred Wunderlich and the heads of ministerial departments, was held on 16 April 1951 at the Ministry for Machine Construction. Highlights of the conference are described in the following paragraphs.
2. Wunderlich reported on the work of the team which introduced scientific work norms in the Niles-Werke, Berlin. The output per employee was now only 65.6% of the figure for 1938. Insufficient cooperation between the Planning Department and the time engineers office was reported and, generally, organization was bad. The Trade Unions Federation had also failed to do its duty, for 18.7% of the workers's time was spent waiting, attending works meetings, etc. The cultural director had insufficient contact with the workers. Ziller commented that no progress could be made, if the workers were not ideologically trained.
3. Production in the first quarter of 1951 was 95% of the planned figure, but 154% of production in the first quarter of 1950. Vehicle construction was only 80% of the planned figure, but 189% (196%?) of production for the corresponding 1950 period. The most important parts of the plan had not been fulfilled. Shipbuilding had been especially short of goals. These figures did not include the output of the 300 concerns controlled by the Lander, and it was not known how much these figures would change the picture.
4. Ziller stated that the most urgently needed materials were turbine blade steel (30 tons needed initially) and seamless piping (200 tons). These were required for the power program. Sheet metal for transformers was also in great demand. The turbine blade steel should be obtained from "Zaulek". 50X1-HUM
5. A conference was to be held with the Russians on 20 April 1951, concerning the 83% fulfillment of the Reparations Plan. Shipbuilding was particularly behind schedule. Zillgitt (fnu), head of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding (Haupt-Verwaltung fuer Schiffsbau), said that development plans were ready, but that construction depended entirely on the availability of materials. Bussler (fnu), a department head, said that 8,000 of 19,000 tons of materials, promised by the Soviet Union had arrived. The scarcest item was 6-8 mm. sheet metal. It was agreed that the works' directors did not have the correct attitude toward their duties. Emphasis must be laid on control, and completion dates must be strictly enforced. Lattmann (fnu), a department head, reported on difficulties in the precision mechanics field. Technical questions had not been settled. Work at Askania had been of poor quality.

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6. Ziller required that individual contracts must be signed with at least 400 leading scientists and technicians employed by the Ministry by 23 April 1951. Mueller (fnu), a department head, proposed that individual contracts also be signed with the foremen in the top priority factories. Zillgitt distributed new organization plans of the combines and factories.
7. The import list was checked by the Central Design Office (Zentral-Entwurfsstelle) of the Ministry on 12 April 1951. Further work must be done on this list before it is ready.
8. No important decisions were made at the conference, held on 7 May 1951 at the Ministry for Machine Construction. It was stated during the conference that 260 tons of turbines and turbine blade steel had been ordered, and that orders were to be placed for 350 tons altogether.



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